

**National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594**

Brief of Accident

Adopted 03/30/2004

DCA03MA008 File No. 15408	10/25/2002	Eveleth, MN	Aircraft Reg No. N41BE	Time (Local): 00:00 CST		
Make/Model:	Beech / King Air 100			Fatal	Serious	Minor/None
Engine Make/Model:	Pratt & Whitney Canada / PT6A-28		Crew	2	0	0
Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed		Pass	6	0	0
Number of Engines:	2					
Operating Certificate(s):	On-demand Air Taxi					
Name of Carrier:	Aviation Charter Inc.					
Type of Flight Operation:	Non-scheduled; Domestic; Passenger Only					
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:	Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter					
Last Depart. Point: ST PAUL, MN			Condition of Light: Day			
Destination: EVELETH, MN			Weather Info Src: Weather Observation Facility			
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip			Basic Weather: Instrument Conditions			
			Lowest Ceiling: 700 Ft. AGL, Overcast			
			Visibility: 3.00 SM			
			Wind Dir/Speed: Calm			
			Temperature (°C): 1			
			Precip/Obscuration: Snow			
Pilot-in-Command	Age: 55		Flight Time (Hours)			
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)			Total All Aircraft: 5116			
Airline Transport; Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea			Last 90 Days: 101			
Instrument Ratings			Total Make/Model: 200			
Airplane			Total Instrument Time: UnK/Nr			

The Board's full report is available at <http://www.nts.gov/publictn/publictn.htm>.

On October 25, 2002, about 1022 central daylight time, a Raytheon (Beechcraft) King Air A100, N41BE, operated by Aviation Charter, Inc., crashed while the flight crew was attempting to execute the VOR approach to runway 27 at Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport, Eveleth, Minnesota. The crash site was located about 1.8 nautical miles southeast of the approach end of runway 27. The two pilots and six passengers were killed, and the airplane was destroyed by impact forces and a postcrash fire. The airplane was being operated under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 135 as an on-demand passenger charter flight. Instrument meteorological conditions prevailed for the flight, which operated on an instrument flight rules flight plan.

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Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT

Phase of Operation: APPROACH - FAF/OUTER MARKER TO THRESHOLD (IFR)

Findings

1. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - FLIGHTCREW

2. STALL - FLIGHTCREW

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

3. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.

The flight crew's failure to maintain adequate airspeed, which led to an aerodynamic stall from which they did not recover.